Sermon notes: February 21, 2021

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| **In Love With A Decoy**  Passage: 1 John 5:20-21 |  |

**Why Is Idol Worship An Issue:**

**Acts 17:16** **16**While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

**1 Thessalonians 1:9** **9**for they themselves report what kind of reception you

gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true

God,

**Exodus 20:4** **4**“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything

in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

**Exodus 32:1** When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down

from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us

gods[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+17%3A16%3B+1+Thessalonians+1%3A9%3B+Exodus+20%3A4%3B+Exodus+32%3A1%3B+Psalm+31%3A6++++++++++++Psalm+103%3A36%3B+Isaiah+2%3A8%3B+1+Corinthians+10%3A7%2C+11%2C+12%3B+Ephesians+5%3A5%3B++++++++++++Colossians+3%3A5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2440a)] who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of

Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

**Psalm 31:6** **6**I hate those who cling to worthless idols; as for me, I trust in

the Lord.

**Psalm 103:36** **36**They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.

**Isaiah 2:8** **8**Their land is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their hands,  
     to what their fingers have made.

**1 Corinthians 10:7, 11, 12**  **7**Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is

written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+17%3A16%3B+1+Thessalonians+1%3A9%3B+Exodus+20%3A4%3B+Exodus+32%3A1%3B+Psalm+31%3A6++++++++++++Psalm+103%3A36%3B+Isaiah+2%3A8%3B+1+Corinthians+10%3A7%2C+11%2C+12%3B+Ephesians+5%3A5%3B++++++++++++Colossians+3%3A5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28575a)]

**11**These things happened to them as examples and were written down as

warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. **12**So, if you

think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!

**Ephesians 5:5** **5**For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy

person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of

Christ and of God.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+17%3A16%3B+1+Thessalonians+1%3A9%3B+Exodus+20%3A4%3B+Exodus+32%3A1%3B+Psalm+31%3A6++++++++++++Psalm+103%3A36%3B+Isaiah+2%3A8%3B+1+Corinthians+10%3A7%2C+11%2C+12%3B+Ephesians+5%3A5%3B++++++++++++Colossians+3%3A5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29310a)]

**Colossians 3:5** **5**Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

**Why Is Idolatry Dangerous?**

**Isaiah 44:17** **17**From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships.  
He prays to it and says, “Save me! You are my god!”

**Psalm 16:4** **4**Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
     I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

**Isaiah 44:20**  **20**Such a person feeds on ashes; a deluded heart misleads him;  
     he cannot save himself, or say, “Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?”

**Application:**

**Be Alert**

**Keep God As Your Focus**

## Hosanna

### Verse 1

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes yeah

### Verse 2

I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

### Chorus

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

### Verse 3

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith

### Verse 4

I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

### Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

## Revelation Song

### Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

### Chorus

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

### Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King

### Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

## Be Thou My Vision

### Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

### Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

### Verse 3

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

### Ending

Be Thou my Vision